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February 26, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90  
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest for Price Cap Areas  
Hill Country Telecommunications, LLC**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Hill Country Telecommunications, LLC (HCT) hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.<sup>1</sup> HCT is a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) serving rural areas of Texas, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

The experiment will provide broadband service to 43 eligible high-cost locations in unserved high-cost Census Blocks within these Census Tracts.

State	County	County Name	Tract ID	Eligible High Cost Locations	Extremely High Cost Locations	Annual Support
TX	48019	Bandera	48019000100	364	66	\$154,986.64
TX	48019	Bandera	48019000100	1130	83	\$436,887.02
TX	48019	Bandera	48019000200	2	0	\$17,661.83
TX	48103	Crane	48103950100	152	65	\$52,213.20
TX	48105	Crockett	48105950100	349	312	\$54,523.63
TX	48171	Gillespie	48171950400	1	0	\$559.15
TX	48171	Gillespie	48171950300	170	22	\$168,109.84
TX	48171	Gillespie	48171950500	458	34	\$217,243.79
TX	48171	Gillespie	48171950200	437	74	\$489,430.60

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HILL COUNTRY TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC

<sup>1</sup> See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

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State	County	County Name	Tract ID	Eligible High Cost Locations	Extremely High Cost Locations	Annual Support
TX	48171	Gillespie	48171950100	1300	188	\$590,996.02
TX	48259	Kendall	48259970300	27	1	\$17,213.55
TX	48259	Kendall	48259970100	98	21	\$57,882.81
TX	48265	Kerr	48265960300	51	4	\$38,201.37
TX	48265	Kerr	48265960300	25	3	\$69,951.14
TX	48265	Kerr	48265960400	2	0	\$391.07
TX	48265	Kerr	48265960800	19	0	\$19,650.00
TX	48265	Kerr	48265960100	8	0	\$14,033.09
TX	48265	Kerr	48265960700	22	3	\$27,091.59
TX	48267	Kimble	48267950100	1935	922	\$757,985.74
TX	48267	Kimble	48267950200	6	0	\$3,954.41
TX	48299	Llano	48299970100	515	171	\$306,758.54
TX	48299	Llano	48299970300	501	248	\$224,997.89
TX	48319	Mason	48319950200	508	237	\$207,106.19
TX	48307	McCulloch	48307950400	18	14	\$9,774.14
TX	48325	Medina	48325000200	90	18	\$41,707.66
TX	48325	Medina	48325000300	1254	161	\$510,682.62
TX	48327	Menard	48327950300	705	382	\$258,870.37
TX	48371	Pecos	48371950100	213	79	\$119,758.63
TX	48383	Reagan	48383950100	124	83	\$48,685.75
TX	48389	Reeves	48389950100	292	148	\$124,944.64
TX	48389	Reeves	48389950200	10	0	\$7,272.01
TX	48389	Reeves	48389950300	6	0	\$2,930.86
TX	48389	Reeves	48389950400	67	0	\$19,838.87
TX	48389	Reeves	48389950500	173	74	\$74,862.50
TX	48413	Schleicher	48413950300	505	370	\$149,269.53
TX	48435	Sutton	48435950300	451	379	\$86,545.96
TX	48461	Upton	48461950100	152	109	\$61,500.81
TX	48461	Upton	48461950200	173	20	\$58,710.79
TX	48463	Uvalde	48463950200	398	140	\$126,519.82
TX	48463	Uvalde	48463950100	273	112	\$97,510.01
TX	48475	Ward	48475950200	5	0	\$8,112.08
TX	48475	Ward	48475950100	571	87	\$212,341.67
TX	48475	Ward	48475950300	32	1	\$9,488.76

Proposed Services

Consistent with the adequacy of support funds proposed, one of the following service architectures would be evaluated and proposed:

- Unlicensed Wimax Broadband services with broadcast speeds of 5 Mbps downstream/1Mbps upstream.
- Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 30 Mbps downstream/10 Mbps upstream provided over fiber optic technology.
- Some combination of the above.

Funding

Because the unserved high-cost census blocks within the selected Census Tracts have yet to be identified, HCT is unable to estimate the construction costs and amount of funding needed. The costs will be identified if and when a formal proposal is submitted.

Hill Country Telecommunications, LLC appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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